

CSWC Operational Period Summary

1800 January 28 2015 to 0600 January 29 2015



Natural Bridges State Beach, Santa Cruz County

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SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events – National

Sick Child's Father Seeks Vaccination Requirement in California

(NY Times) In the latest salvo in the vaccination wars that have shaken California since a measles outbreak originated at Disneyland last month, the father of a 6-year-old boy with leukemia has asked the superintendent of his Marin County school district to keep unvaccinated children out of school. "I respect people's choices about what to do with their kids, but if someone's kid gets sick and gets my kid sick, too, that's a problem," said the father, Carl Krawitt of Corte Madera, Calif., whose son, Rhett, was found to have leukemia in 2010. "What we need to do, for all our children, is increase the herd immunity." Rhett is in remission now, but four years of chemotherapy have left him vulnerable to infection and unable to be vaccinated. Until his immune system strengthens, his best protection from infectious diseases is the so-called herd immunity of a community where almost everyone has been vaccinated. Last year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported 644 cases of measles from 27 states, by far the largest number since 2000. Before measles vaccines became commonplace in 1963, about three million to four million Americans a year contracted the disease, the agency said, and 400 to 500 died from it.

Evacuation lifted after chemical spill at Washington state port

(Reuters) A chemical spill at the Port of Olympia in Washington state on Wednesday forced the evacuation of dozens of employees and several nearby businesses until the area was deemed safe to re-enter, a spokeswoman said. The hydrogen peroxide leak originated in a pipe leading to a large tank at an \$11.5 million storm water treatment plant that opened in December, said port spokeswoman Kathleen White. Evacuations were ordered for a quarter-mile radius and employees cleared from several nearby businesses while the leak was located and contained, she said. The evacuations remained in place for about three hours while the Washington State Department of Ecology assessed potential hazards. "There were no injuries and the site is stabilized," White said. It was unclear how much of the chemical had escaped but it did not contaminate drinking water.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events – International

Ebola outbreak: Virus mutating, scientists warn

(BBC) Scientists tracking the Ebola outbreak in Guinea say the virus has mutated. Researchers at the Institut Pasteur in France, which first identified the outbreak last March, are investigating whether it could have become more contagious. More than 22,000 people have been infected with Ebola and 8,795 have died in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia. Scientists are starting to analyze hundreds of blood samples from Ebola patients in Guinea. They are tracking how the virus is changing and trying to establish whether it's able to jump more easily from person to person. It's not unusual for viruses to change over a period time. Ebola is an RNA virus - like HIV and influenza - which have a high rate of mutation. That makes the virus more able to adapt and raises the potential for it to become more contagious.

Raúl Castro to US: Return Gitmo, end embargo

(Al Jazeera) Cuban President Raúl Castro on Wednesday said the United States should return the U.S. base at Guantánamo Bay and lift the half-century trade embargo on Cuba before the two countries can re-establish normal relations. Diplomatic relations, in theory, can be established before those demands are met, Castro said during a meeting of Latin American leaders in San José, Costa Rica. But "if these problems aren't resolved, this diplomatic rapprochement wouldn't make any sense," he added. "The reestablishment of diplomatic relations is the start of a process of normalizing bilateral relations, but this will not be possible while the blockade still exists, while they don't give back the territory illegally occupied by the Guantánamo naval base," Castro said. The U.S. has leased the 45-square-mile area from Cuba since the early 20th century. Since 1959 Cuba's communist government has called the U.S. presence there illegal under international law, because the base was imposed on Cuba by force. Only Congress can end the half-century embargo. But the measures give permission for U.S. residents to use credit cards in Cuba and for U.S. companies to export telephone, computer and Internet technologies. Cuba has said it welcomes the measures but has no intention of changing its system. Castro's government has gradually linked the negotiations with the U.S. to a set of longstanding demands that include an end to U.S. support for Cuban dissidents, and Cuba's removal from the U.S. list of state sponsors of terrorism.



SITUATION SUMMARY

Highly Pathogenic H5N8 Avian Influenza Confirmed in Commercial Turkey Flock in California

Jan. 24, 2015— In a press release, the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has confirmed the presence of highly pathogenic (HPAI) H5N8 avian influenza in a commercial turkey flock in Stanislaus County, California. This is the first finding of HPAI in commercial poultry during the ongoing disease incident in the Pacific Flyway. **No human cases of these avian influenza viruses have been detected in the United States, Canada, or internationally, and there continues to be no immediate public health concern.** APHIS and CDFA have initiated an incident command response, and APHIS will assist the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) in depopulating the remaining birds on the property to prevent the spread of the disease.

- Cal OES Telecommunications Duty Officer (TDO) and California Utilities Emergency Association (CUEA) are providing assistance to CDFA and USDA to ensure adequate cellular communications connectivity at the designated ICP. Telecommunications continues to work with CUEA and Verizon Wireless assisting CDFA with communications support.
- Mission 2015-INLAND-8419 has been opened and an incident has been created in Cal EOC: 2015-01-24 - Stanislaus - H5N8 Avian Influenza.
- Cal OES Inland Region has deployed a field Emergency Services Coordinator to the ICP to assist CDFA and USDA. The hours of operation are 0800 – 1900.
- The USDA IMAT #4 and one representative from CDFA will utilize Cal OES facilities as their operations center. All other State department representatives are working from their headquarter locations to support the activation.
- Depopulation of the infected location began on 01/26/15 and continued on 01/27/15. A 10 km control area, centered on the infected location has been established, along with a 10 km surveillance area outside the control area.
- As of 01/27/15, two commercial poultry locations and four backyard flocks have been identified within the control area. Quarantines have been issued for these locations and movement control by permitting is in place. The field ESC at the ICP has discussed resource needs not available through normal CDFA/USDA channels. To date, these needs have been met locally.

Weather of Concern

- No significant Watches or Warnings are in effect.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/www_bc_cal.php

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

Dry weather will continue across northwest California through the weekend. A weak weather system may bring spotty light rain to the North Coast and North Coast interior Sunday night and Monday.

Medford Weather:

Through Saturday, the only appreciable change will be increasing north and east winds at mid to upper elevations that will bring warmer conditions to the surface.

Reno Weather:

A weak trough will remain through Friday. Most of the precipitation will stay to the south although isolated showers could occur across Mono County. High pressure will bring dry and mild conditions this weekend with the storm track remaining to the north through next week.

San Francisco Weather:

Dry conditions are expected to continue through Sunday with chances of rain then developing over far Northern California beginning Sunday afternoon and evening and continuing into the first part of next week. By midweek dry conditions are again projected to prevail. Temperatures will generally remain above seasonal norms with the warmest being on Saturday.

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Sacramento Weather:

Dry weather expected into the weekend with night and morning valley fog and above normal temperatures. Some breezy wind is possible Friday into Saturday. A slight chance of showers Monday, otherwise mostly dry weather is likely to continue through mid-week.

Hanford Weather:

A low pressure system will bring a chance of showers to mainly the mountains and desert Thursday through Saturday morning. Otherwise, expect dry conditions with near to slightly above average temperatures through the next several days with patchy fog through the San Joaquin Valley each night and early morning.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

A weak low pressure system will move southeast today and Friday bringing clouds along with the potential for some light showers to Los Angeles County. By Saturday and Sunday, dry offshore flow will develop with the dry conditions continuing into the middle of next week.

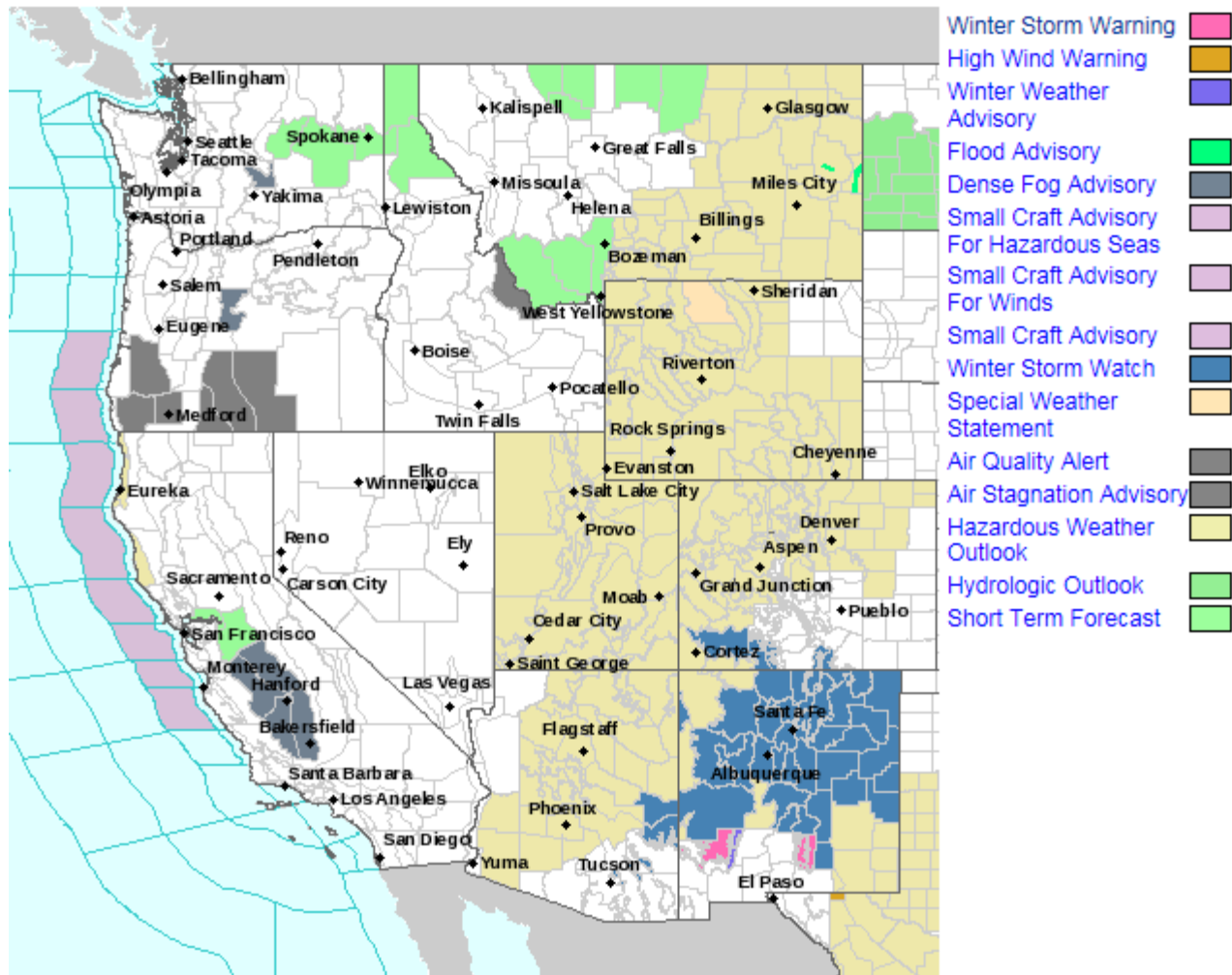
Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

A warm trough moving in from the southwest will bring cloudy skies and areas of light rain Thursday afternoon through Saturday morning. Snow levels will be quite high, between 6500 and 7000 feet. Light rain will end Saturday with building high pressure bringing mostly sunny skies and warmer weather for Sunday and Monday.

Southeast California Weather:

A storm system will bring cloudy skies through Friday. Rain chances will increase tonight and continue through Friday night then end from north to south on Saturday as the storm slowly moves away to the southeast. Dry weather is likely for the first few days of February with above normal temperatures.

STATE WEATHER MAP



Last map update: Jan, 29th 2015 at 5:50:12 am MST



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FIRE ACTIVITY



Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

NWS California River Forecast Center:

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Magnitude 6.0 Earthquake, American Canyon, Napa County

- Cal OES and FEMA announced that the Major Disaster declaration for the South Napa earthquake will also include the Individuals and Households Program under the Stafford Act. This amendment makes assistance available to help homeowners and renters recover from the earthquake.
- As a result of President Obama's major disaster declaration, the U.S. Small Business Administration declared Napa and Solano counties, making residents and business owners eligible to apply for low-interested physical loss disaster loans. This declaration also made available low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) for businesses to apply in the primary counties of Napa and Solano, as well as the contiguous counties of Contra Costa, Lake, Sacramento, Sonoma, and Yolo.

Recovery Activities

Public Assistance

- RPA: 63 RPAs were received and 15 have withdrawn for a total of 48 FEMA approved open applications.
- Kickoff Meeting: 56 Kickoff Meetings have been completed leaving 1 remaining to be scheduled once through FEMA's review queue. It is currently anticipated all kickoff meetings will be complete by 1/31/2015.
- PW: 215 PWs are anticipated to be written as a result of the Napa Earthquake. Currently, 75 PWs are in draft, 85 PWs are entered into the federal database system, 62 of which have been obligated.
- Exit Briefing: 16 applicants have had Exit briefings conducted.

Individual Assistance

- The FEMA and State VAL continue to work with nonprofit organizations in Napa and Solano Counties regarding Long Term Recovery efforts. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is providing funds to hire initial case management staff for the Napa Earthquake Recovery Group (aka, eNERgy) and the Vallejo Earthquake Recovery Group (VERG). Both Long Term Recovery Groups are seeking funds from partner agencies to assist with unmet needs.
- The registration deadline for individuals and businesses to request FEMA and SBA assistance closed on Monday, 12/29/14.
- Assistance Centers – The Local Assistance Center (LAC) in Napa transitioned to an SBA DLOC on Tuesday 12/30/14. The smaller operation maintains a presence by SBA staff. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

2014 Statewide December Winter Storms

- On 12/22/14, Governor Brown proclaimed a State of Emergency in Marin, Mendocino, San Mateo, and Ventura Counties to allow Caltrans to formally request immediate assistance through FHWA's ER Program in order to obtain federal assistance for highway repairs or reconstruction for damages sustained as a result of the statewide storms impacting California. After assessing the damages, Caltrans is requesting the Governor update his proclamation to include Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Los Angeles, Monterey, Orange, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Shasta, Sonoma, Tehama, and Yolo Counties. Cal OES' Recovery Section conducted an assessment to verify the Counties of Lake, Marin, San Mateo, Sonoma, and Tehama's Public Assistance estimates for debris removal, emergency work, and permanent restoration of public facilities in order to determine potential eligibility for State funding.

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a biweekly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.
- Regional (Inland, Coastal, Southern) conference calls will occur once a month beginning February 9, 2015.

CAL OES Missions

Ongoing Cal OES Missions

- **2015-INLAND-8419, 1/24/2015, 2012 hours**, One Cal OES Telecommunications Coordinator, ACS personnel, and a COW (cell on wheels) deployed to ICP in Warnersville, Stanislaus County, to support communications regarding CDFA activity with H5N8 Avian Influenza. **Mission Ongoing.**



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.